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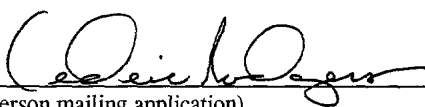
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of inventor(s): **Thomas Clement Barthel, Scott Allen Sundet, Craig Louis Riedl and Dinh Thuc Ha**

and entitled: **Endoscope With Flexible Light Guide Having Offset Distal End**

1. Type Of Application

This application is:

- ☒ an original (nonprovisional) application.
☐ a divisional of prior application Serial No. _____
☐ a continuation of prior application Serial No. _____
☐ a continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. _____

☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ The prior application is assigned of record to: _____

☐ Additional prior application information: Examiner _____ Group _____

2. Enclosed Application Elements are:

- ☒ A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter,
☒ specification (including claims and abstract) containing pages 1-19,
☒ drawings: ☐ 1 copy of _____ sheet(s) of formal drawings, OR
☒ 1 copy of two (2) sheet(s) of informal drawings, Figures 1-5.
☐ an executed declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney, OR
☒ an unexecuted declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney, OR
☐ a copy of an executed declaration or oath including power of attorney from a priority application,
☐ statement deleting inventor(s) named in the priority application
☐ Microfiche Computer Program
☐ nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence
 a. ☐ computer readable copy
 b. ☐ paper copy
 c. ☐ statement verifying above copies

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3. Enclosed Accompanying Application Parts are:

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Claim cancellations are indicated in Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ one itemized, stamped, and self-addressed postcard for the PTO Mail Room date stamp.
- ☐ English translation document
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449 and copies of the citations therein.

4. Small entity status

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

5. Filing Fees (as calculated below)


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For:	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$ 740
Total Claims	42 — 20	= 12	x \$ 18 =	\$ 216
Independent Claims	7 — 3	= 4	x \$ 84 =	\$ 336
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented (if applicable)			+ \$280 =	\$
Subtotal				\$ 1292
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity				646
TOTAL				\$ 646

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